

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 02-05-06

Issued at Soldotna, Alaska  
September 15, 2006

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
October 14, 2006

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2007  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the 2006 registration hunt for brown bears (RB 160) in Game Management Units 7 and 15 on the Kenai Peninsula at 11:59 PM on October 14, 2006. All other brown bear hunting regulations are not affected by this emergency order.

### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.020 (6) and (14), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Brown Bear**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(6) Unit 7  1 bear every 4 regulatory years by registration permit only	No open season	No open season
(14) Unit 15  1 bear every 4 regulatory years by registration permit only	No open season	No open season

All other brown bear hunting regulations for other Units listed under 5 AAC 85.020 are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: Jeff Selinger  
Wildlife Biologist for the Kenai Peninsula

**JUSTIFICATION:**

For brown bear management on the Kenai Peninsula, the Department manages harvest so the 3-year average of human-caused mortalities does not exceed 20 total brown bears, nor exceed 8 female bears older than 1 year. Human-caused mortality include defense of life and property kills, automobile collisions, illegally taken brown bears, hunter kills, and management related deaths. The current 3-year average, from 2004- September 13, 2006, is 7 females older than 1 year and 19 total bears. Since January 1, 2006, 23 brown bears including 8 female bears have been reported killed. The reported kills for 2006 do not include other bears that were reported as being injured in bear/human interactions where the fate of the bear was unknown, one sub adult female whose cause of death has not been determined, or non-reported kills. If we allowed a hunt under the current registration system, we would exceed the current management objectives. Therefore, the fall 2006 brown bear hunting season for registration hunt RB160 will be closed by emergency order.

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